



**V2020 Reservoir Committee Meeting
Arlington Town Hall Annex, First floor conference room**

**Minutes – Tues, May 16, 2017
Approved October 24, 2017**

Present: David White, Stephan Miller, Michael Ratner, Ann LeRoyer

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. Ann offered to take minutes. We reviewed the March meeting minutes and voted approval.

Spring & Summer Activities

David shared a workday and meeting schedule (see next page) and we added a workday on June 17. Several dates are joint with volunteer events sponsored by Mystic River Watershed Assoc.

Garlic mustard has become a big problem in the shade garden, along with Japanese Knotweed along the path from the parking lot. Stephan suggested using a string trimmer to cut them back each year, and he will do some of that to test out that method. Michael has been tackling GM at the Reservoir and at the Crusher lot near Ottoson School. Some other volunteers also helped pull the weeds.

The main gardens still need more clean-up and weed removal, but a lot of plants are coming back nicely. We discussed transplanting some anemone canadensis from the shade garden to the island. David and Stephan are continuing to work on the fencing...

Water Bodies Funding

Town Meeting voted full funding for water chestnut harvesting and other water bodies maintenance projects for the Reservoir, Spy Pond, and other sites. MyRWA will continue to sponsor hand harvesting, and DPW will manage the mechanical harvesting at the Res. Con Com has a water bodies working group to oversee the funding and work projects as well as associated water quality concerns.

Website Review

Stephan is continuing to update the website, so he requests that people send him photos, info on plants, or whatever. He will add a link to the Rec Department website for beach information.

Reservoir Master Plan

Town Meeting approved the Community Preservation Committee recommendations for funding for a Reservoir Master Plan to be managed jointly by Park and Rec Commission and Con Com. The first step is to prepare an RFP for a consultant to help with the first phase, which will include public meetings and Res Committee involvement.

Walking Routes

The Open Space Committee is coordinating a series of walking routes ("Take A Walk") around Arlington to link various parks and other sites, and is currently working on routes in the Heights and around the Reservoir, which will also link to the ACROSS trails in Lexington. David will circulate a draft map of possible routes.

Other

David will contact Steve Mattingly about the project proposed by his daughter last year to develop a depth study of the Reservoir, using sonar technology.

Town Day is on Saturday, Sept 16. We will have space at the V2020 booth as usual, but may not try to do sachets again... we discussed other ideas to attract attention – perhaps a jar full of water chestnut seeds – people can guess how many, and the winner gets a canoe trip on the Res... other ideas are welcome!
[Spoke with Lisa at the workday and she is interested in continuing with the sachets – DEW]

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes by Ann LeRoyer

Next Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm – June 20, August 15, September 12, October 17

Reservoir Workdays

Date	<i>Rain Date</i>	Time
Sunday, May 21	<i>Sunday, May 28</i>	1-3
Saturday, June 17	<i>Sunday, June 18</i>	9-12
Saturday, June 24 (also MyRWA event)	<i>Sunday, June 25</i>	9-12
Saturday, July 22 (also MyRWA event)	<i>Sunday, July 23</i>	9-12
Saturday, August 12 (MyRWA event)	<i>Saturday, August 19</i>	9-12
Saturday, September 16	<i>Saturday, September 23</i>	9-12
Sunday, October 22	<i>Sunday, October 29</i>	1-3